

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Atty. Docket No.: MBHB03-465-C (400/142))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)	
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McSwiggen et al.)	
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Serial No.)	10/757,803
)	Examiner: Amy Hudson Bowman
Filed:)	January 14, 2004
)	Group Art Unit: 1635
Title)	RNA Interference Mediated
)	Inhibition of Gene Expression
)	Using Chemically Modified
)	Short Interfering Nucleic Acid
)	(siNA)
)	Confirmation No.: 5421

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 21, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2006.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the USPTO on March 15, 2007.

Date: March 15, 2007

/Michael S. Greenfield/